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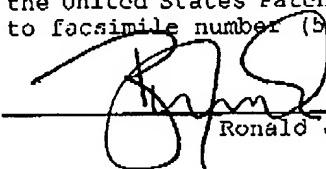
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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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